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CLAIMS:

We claim:

- 1. A process for purifying an <u>antibody</u> comprising loading a mixture containing the <u>antibody</u> on a hydrophobic interaction chromatography column and eluting the <u>antibody</u> from the column with a buffer having a pH of about 2.5 to about 4.5.
- 2. The process of claim 1 wherein the mixture loaded onto the column is at a pH of about 2.5 to about 4.5.
- 3. The process of claim 1 wherein the mixture loaded onto the column has a salt concentration of about 0M to about 0.25M.
- 4. The process of claim 3 wherein the mixture loaded onto the column has a salt concentration of about 0M to about 0.1M.
- 5. The process of claim 1 wherein the buffer has a salt concentration of about 0M to about 0.25M.
- 6. The process of claim 5 wherein the buffer has a salt concentration of to about 0M about 0.1M.
- 7. The process of claim 1 wherein the antibody comprises nonhuman complementarity determining region (CDR) residues and human Immunoglobulin residues.
- 9. The process of claim 1 wherein the antibody is an antibody fragment which comprises an antigen binding region.
- 10. The process of claim 9 wherein the antibody fragment comprises a F(ab').sub.2 fragment.
- 11. The process of claim 1 wherein the buffer has a pH of about 2.8 to about 3.5.

- 12. The process of claim 11 wherein the buffer has a pH of about 3.1.
- 13. The process of claim 1 wherein the hydrophobic interaction chromatography column is a phenyl agarose column.
- 14. The process of claim 1 wherein the antibody eluted from the column is a correctly disulfide linked antibody.
- 15. The process of claim 14 wherein the mixture loaded onto the column further contains an incorrectly disulfide linked antibody and the correctly disulfide linked antibody is purified therefrom.
- 16. The process of claim 15 wherein the incorrectly disulfide linked antibody is an antibody fragment which comprises an antigen binding region .